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SUBJECT: VISIT OF BURMESE OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 119591

1. MET WITH COLONEL TIN OO AND AUNG HTAY MAY 23. AUNG HTAY, SOE MYINT, AND TIN MAUNG WILL PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON JUNE 13 FROM LONDON. PRECISE ARRIVAL DATA WILL BE SENT WHEN ARRANGEMENTS FIRM. GROUP WILL PLAN STAY FOUR WEEKS BEFORE PROCEEDING JAPAN. BIO DATA WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. COLONEL TIN OO ASSURED US NONE OF THE MEN WILL HAVE MUCH DIFFICULTY WITH ENGLISH. CONFIRMING THAT GUB WILL BEAR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES, HE EXHIBITED SOME UNEASINESS ABOUT ACCOUNTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY PER DIEM, BUT DID NOT RPT NOT REJECT IT.

3. FYI: DIFFICULTY ARISES FROM FACT THAT GUB AUTHORIZES SOME MEAGER AMOUNT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY "FOR BED AND BREAKFAST" FOR OFFICERS TRAVELING ABROAD IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TIN OO WOULD LIKE TO MAINTAIN, FOR THE RECORD AT LEAST, A POSTURE OF LIVING WITHIN THIS SPARTAN ALLOWANCE, WHILE ALLOWING THE U.S. AS THE HOSTS TO PICK UP THE TAB FOR CERTAIN EXTRAORDINARY "INCIDENTALS".

I SUGGESTED TO TIN OO THAT SOME ARRANGEMENT MIGHT BE WORKED OUT WHEREBY THE ESCORT OFFICERS CARRIED CASH TO MEET SUCH LEGITIMATE

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EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF THE "BED AND BREAKFAST" CATEGORY, PROVIDED

THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WOULD SIGN THE VOUCHERS NECESSARY TO PERMIT REIMBURSEMENT OF THE ESCORT OFFICERS. COLONEL TIN OO ACCEPTED THIS SUGGESTION IN PRINCIPLE, AND EVEN SEEMED WILLING TO LET THE GROUP ACCEPT A FEW SOUVENIRS AT THE END OF THEIR VISIT, IF THERE WERE ANY MONEY LEFT OVER AFTER ALL EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENTAL EXPENSES HAD BEEN MET. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT ANY LEGITIMATE USE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PER DIEM WILL BE ALL RIGHT PROVIDED ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AND THE ESCORT OFFICERS SO THAT THE BURMESE DO NOT HAVE TO ACCEPT FORMAL CUSTODY OF THE MONEY. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OR WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION. END FYI.

4. COLONEL TIN OO CONFIRMED THAT THE BURMESE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE VISIT, AND SHOWED NO CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF PUBLICITY LEAKS FROM THAT QUARTER.  
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